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OCTOBER MAJOR APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS DOWN 19%

CHICAGO -- Over 2.3 million major appliances were shipped from the factory in October, down 18.7% from the same month last year, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Cumulative shipments for the year were 2.9% ahead of 1980.

October shipments decreased in almost all product categories. Dishwashers were down 26%; refrigerators, 26.2%; freezers, 28.1%; electric ranges, 25.6%; clothes washers, 24.9%; clothes dryers, 21.7% and microwave ovens, 5.1%.

Room air conditioner shipments were the same as for October 1980 -- 90,100 units.

Year-to-date shipments of room air conditioners, food disposers and microwave ovens were all ahead of 1980 -- 19.5%, 11.8% and 23.9%, respectively.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
October, 1981

	October 1981	October 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,341.9	2,882.1*	-18.7%	26,650.2	25,890.2*	+ 2.9%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	90.1	90.1	- -	3,436.3	2,876.3	+19.5
DEHUMIDIFIERS	.7	-2.2*	- -	531.6	665.1*	-20.1
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	219.8	296.9	-26.0	2,174.5	2,335.0	- 6.9
Built-In	189.5	253.0	-25.1	1,927.4	2,011.3	- 4.2
Portable	30.3	43.9	-31.0	247.1	323.7	-23.7
DISPOSERS	330.8	340.5*	- 2.8	2,771.8	2,478.3*	+11.8
COMPACTORS	16.1	26.2*	-38.5	160.2	194.1*	-17.5
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	471.6	642.1	-26.6	5,832.4	5,975.7*	- 2.4
Refrigerators	382.9	518.7	-26.2	4,408.6	4,457.3*	- 1.1
Freezers - Total	88.7	123.3	-28.1	1,423.8	1,518.4	- 6.2
Upright	40.6	61.4	-33.9	626.8	672.8	- 6.8
Chest	48.1	61.9	-22.3	797.0	845.6	- 5.7
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	191.4	257.3	-25.6	2,008.7	2,137.1	- 6.0
Free Standing	152.5	207.4	-26.5	1,580.0	1,669.7	- 5.4
Built-In	38.9	49.9	-22.0	428.7	467.4	- 8.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	430.5	453.5*	- 5.1	3,519.7	2,840.7*	+23.9
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	612.3	801.0	-23.6	6,423.0	6,570.2	- 2.2
Washers - Total	351.9	468.3	-24.9	3,852.0	3,916.4	- 1.6
Automatic	346.0	459.7	-24.7	3,772.6	3,807.8	- 0.9
Wringer & Other	5.9	8.6	-31.4	79.4	108.6	-26.9
Dryers - Total	260.4	332.7	-21.7	2,571.0	2,653.8	- 3.1
Electric	202.9	258.9	-21.6	2,017.8	2,086.7	- 3.3
Gas	57.5	73.8	-22.1	553.3	567.1	- 2.4

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges